

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy.

Instead of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.

The people own the
airwaves and the
heart of a
democracy, the very
foundation, is a
free press. That is
where we get our
information. It is
where ideological
battles can be
fought in public and
with the pen, rather
than the sword. It
is where a corporate
elite, as well as
the political elite
must answer for
their actions to the
people who really
own this
country--the regular
people, the

citizens, the voters. This is our country and the only way to keep it free and democratic is to keep a free press.

It is imperative that the consolidation of media corporations be halted, and rolled back. It is important that the FCC never ever meddle with this so fragile of Constitutional rights.

Thank you.

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